

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

### DECLARATION 110412-01

#### Statement in Support of *Honoring Our Children*

*A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Councilors may sign onto a Declaration as individual Councilors. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribal Council in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.*

The Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

Articles II of the Articles of Incorporation established Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan as a Joint Tribal Organization which now represents twelve (12) federally recognized reservations in Michigan, these being the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Potawatomi, Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi Nation, and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. was approached and awarded funds by the W.K.Kellogg Foundation in order to facilitate the Honoring Our Children Initiative which includes a thorough review of the state of child health (age 0-8), assess current resources and assets, develop a vision, and increase capacity for tribal communities to

collectively and/or independently work with W.K. Kellogg Foundation to address priority needs, and

The Tribe supports the Honoring Our Children Initiative to engage its Tribal Community members in systematically creating a plan to improve the full range of factors important to the well-being of tribal children, ages 0-8, including quality education, safe communities, and good health.

The undersigned Tribal Councilors declare that they are in support the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. as a collaborative member of the Honoring Our Children Initiative. As a participating member the Tribe will: 1) appoint a representative to participate on the program steering committee, 2) receive technical support and consultation for meeting the goals and objectives outlined in the program, and 3) agree to participate in gathering community input and information collection activities per the planning grant agreement.

Regina Daseo Bentley  
Tribal Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11-4-12

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Tribal Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

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John Bott  
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Tribal Councilor Mal Kipjima

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Belinda Bardwell  
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A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office.